

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Merlyn Witty knows the great worth and beauty of music in our everyday lives; and,

Whereas, Merlyn has been a music man all his life, and after over a half century of performing at weddings, dances, and concerts, he no doubt attributes some of his success in life to the soothing influence of song; and,

Whereas, Throughout the years, Merlyn has given so much of himself to the Dakota area, and it seems only right that this maker of melodies be rewarded and recognized for his fine achievement in the arts; and,

Whereas, For many years, Merlyn has shared his achievements in the field of music that give comfort, solace, and joy to all who hear him play, and it is impossible to estimate how many lives he has touched by sharing with us his special gift; therefore, it is for this reason Merlyn deserves our special praise and attention; and,

Whereas, Merlyn Witty has been chosen by the Dakota Musician's Association to be inducted into the Dakota Musician's Hall of Fame:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2008, as

MERLYN WITTY DAY

in South Dakota.

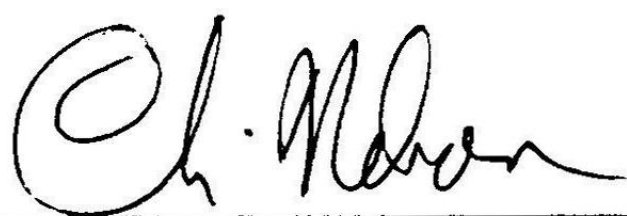
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.





M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State